



San Diego City Attorney **MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE**

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 22, 2008

Contact: Communications Division (619) 235-5725

RESPONSE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT ON SUNROAD MATTER STATEMENT BY CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL AGUIRRE

This morning, I sent a letter to California Attorney General Edmund Brown, Jr., regarding his report entitled, "San Diego City Attorney Michael Aguirre's Allegations of "Corruption" Against San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders Regarding the Sunroad Building Project."

Let me first say, throughout the Sunroad building matter, I had a single motivation:

I sought to eliminate a hazard that could cause an aviation disaster and lead to the loss of lives and injuries to the citizens of San Diego. That was the real threat involved here.

Everything I did – with members of my staff – was directed towards that goal. Eliminate an aviation hazard.

And I stand by the work of the City Attorney's office in eliminating that threat – as a result Sunroad was reduced to a height deemed safe by Federal Aviation Administration.

The hazard was eliminated.

Now, in the wake of that success, we have a terribly flawed, factually inaccurate report from the Attorney General.

Let me be clear: I never sought increased funding for my office in exchange for relenting on my insistence that Sunroad be reduced to a height deemed safe by federal aviation officials.

I remained focused on eliminating the Sunroad threat to our citizens and our property. And the City Attorney's office played a key role in eliminating that threat.

Michael J. Aguirre
San Diego City Attorney

To view the letter, visit www.sandiegocityattorney.org, click "Montgomery Field Airport Safety Issues."

Recent City Attorney media releases can be accessed on the San Diego City Attorney's home page located on the Internet at
<http://www.sandiegocityattorney.org>

1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620, San Diego, California 92101-4188 (619) 236-6220